

## **Condition of Iowa Community Colleges 2007**

### **Executive Summary**

The *2007 Condition of Iowa Community Colleges Report* reviews Iowa's Community College programs and related services. Additional Iowa Community College data and reports are available on the Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation's website: [www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/252/412](http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/252/412).

#### **Enrollment:**

The FY 2007 **credit** enrollment (unduplicated headcount) for Community Colleges was 125,990 students. This was a 3.48% increase over the previous fiscal year. 1,831,161 credit hours were taught, an increase of 2.81%. 43.01% of the credit students attending were male, while 56.79% were female. Blacks comprise the largest minority, while the Hispanic enrollment is the fastest growing segment of minority enrollment. The 18-22 age group comprises 52% of the credit enrollment; less than one percent is over the age of 55. The average age is 24, while the median age is 20.

FY 2007 **high school** enrollment totaled 32,272 students. The average credit hours per high school student enrolled was 7.47 credit hours. Almost 74% of the high school credit enrollment was for Arts and Science programs.

In FY 2007, **online credit** enrollment was 32,550 (unduplicated headcount) students. This constituted 25.84% of total enrollment. 190,282 credit hours were taught online, accounting for 10.39% of the total credit hours taught. 60.05% of the online credit enrollment was for Arts and Science courses, 5.49% was for Career Options Only courses, 32.20% was for Career Technical only courses, and 2.26% was for a combination of courses. 43.10% of online credit enrollment was male, while 56.91% of the online credit enrollment was female.

Online high school credit enrollment included 2,410 (unduplicated headcount) students, which was 7.40% of the total online enrollment. Online high school credit hours taught were 10,472, which were 5.50% of the total online credit hours offered.

**Non-credit** student enrollment in FY 2007 totaled 278,736 (unduplicated headcount) students for a total of 8,888,554.92 contact hours. This represents a decrease of 8,337 non-credit students, while non-credit contact hours increased 95,251.10 from the previous year.

#### **Awards:**

A total of 14,616 awards were granted during FY 2007. This was an increase of 183 awards over the previous fiscal year. The largest category of awards was the Associate degree, comprising 70.19% of the total awards. Females received 62.41% of the total while 37.59% awards were presented to males. 989 (6.77%) awards were granted to minority students.

**Award Rate.** The three-year award rate for the FY05 cohort is 38.76%.

**Transfer Rate and Transfer Success.** The one year retention rate of transfer students to Regents Universities for the entering class of 2005 were as follows: 74.5% for the University of Iowa, 79.3% for Iowa State University, and 79.9% for the University of Northern Iowa. The four year graduation rates of community college transfer students at the regents institutions for the entering class of 2002 were as follows: 61.4% at the University of Iowa, 59% at Iowa State University, and 65.3 % at the University of Northern Iowa.

**Earnings of Leavers and Completers.** Utilizing the FY02 cohort of community college credit leavers and completers, for students who earned an award, the median earnings were \$28,217; for those who earned an associate degree the median wage earnings are higher at \$29,357; and for those who earned an AAS degree, the returns are even greater at \$32,873.

#### **Finances:**

Total revenues increased 6.3% from \$410, 686,618 in FY 2006 to \$436,693,567 in FY 2007. Tuition and fee revenue increased \$9,536,040 or 4.8%. State General Aid (SGA) revenue increased \$9,998,349 or 6.7%. Tuition and fee revenue comprise the largest portion of the community college's total revenues, just less than 48% of the college's total revenue; SGA accounts for just over 36.5% of total revenue. Tuition and fee revenue per Full Time Equivalent Enrollment (FTEE) was \$2,344 in FY 2007, an increase of \$49 per FTEE from the previous year. SGA per FTEE was \$1,803, an increase of \$69 per FTEE.

Total expenses increased 5.86% from \$409,580,494 in FY 2006 to \$433,592,337. Salaries and benefits comprise 74.36% of the total expenditures and increased \$16,669,290 or 5.45% from FY06 to FY07. During this time, SGA increased \$10,000,000 (6.69%), covering roughly 60% of the increase in salary expenses for the colleges.

#### **Human Resources:**

The community colleges report total employee positions of 13,026; of which 40.02% are full-time, 22.24% part-time, 33.39% adjunct, and 4.16% temporary/seasonal. Instructional personnel comprise 51.52%; administrative personnel have consistently comprised around 1% of the total workforce. The proportion of the employees over the age of 55 has shown a steady increase over the past five years, peaking at 24.19% in FY07. Hispanics comprise the fastest growing segment of the community college workforce, increasing 64.52% over the past five years; total minority employment has increased 34% over the same time period. Females comprise 51.21% of the total employees. The community colleges report an average base salary for full-time instructional positions (nine-month) of \$44,876. National reports indicate that full-time Iowa community college faculty are paid an average of 81.87% of the national average for two-year institutions.